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Bonn Calls 6th Suicide Private

Bonn, Oct. 24 (AP)—The suicide of a Government press office librarian yesterday was not being linked to the five other deaths of Bonn officials in the last three weeks which have stirred conjecture about espionage rings.

Two senior officers, a top intelligence official, and an economics ministry employee have died either by suicide or under mysterious circumstances and a Defense Ministry clerk has vanished.

A Government spokesman said, however, that the librarian, Edeltraud Grapentin, 52, killed herself with an overdose of drugs for private reasons.

Police continued their country-wide hunt for the missing Defense Ministry clerk, Gerhard Boehm, 61, who vanished Monday leaving suicide notes at his office and home. Mr. Boehm was said by his ministry to be no security risk apart from having carried sealed classified documents as a messenger.

Attention focused on the death of Rear Adm. Hermann Luedke, 57, newly retired deputy chief of the logistics department of NATO's European headquarters at Casteau, Belgium. He died mysteriously in a German forest fourteen days after microfilm pictures of secret NATO documents had been traced to him September 24.

The Luedke affair has stirred a row over how suspected spies are dealt with. In a series of priority questions to the bundestag (Parliament), the opposition Free Democratic party demanded clarification of whether Admiral Luedke was a suspect.